

COUNCIL COMING ATTRACTIONS



Week of April 8, 2019

FY20 Recommended Operating Budget Overview, Animal Boarding and Care, Dockless E-Scooter Pilot Program and Committee Budget Meetings

Council Coming Attractions is a summary of some of the issues before the Council. All Council staff reports and additional information on each item scheduled for Council or Committee review can be viewed at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html> .

The Council meeting schedule may change from time to time. The current Council and Committee agendas can also be viewed at:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/ondemand/index.html> .

**The Council will meet on Monday, April 8 instead of Tuesday, April 9.
The April 8 meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.**

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Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) 19-03, Commercial/Residential Zones - Animal Board and Care

On Monday, April 8 at 9:40 a.m. the Council is scheduled to vote on ZTA 19-03, Commercial/Residential Zones - Animal Board and Care. Council President Nancy Navarro is the lead sponsor, at the request of the County Executive. ZTA 19-03 would allow animal boarding and care as a limited use in commercial/residential (CR) zones. The Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee recommends enactment. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190408/20190408_4A.pdf



Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) Operating Budget

The Council will receive an overview of the County's FY20 Recommended Operating Budget. The Executive's FY20 Recommended Operating Budget is \$5.7 billion and would increase the County's budget by \$142 million (2.5 percent). Under this proposed budget, tax supported funds would increase by 2.3 percent to \$4,996,234,180. The review of the budget will give the Council the opportunity to determine whether it shares the Executive's priorities on how to best serve County residents. The Council's April 8, 9 and 10 public hearings on the budget are likely to identify programs and functions that residents believe require additional resources, especially since three outside agencies were not funded at the levels they

requested. The Council may also determine that certain funding in the Executive's recommended budget does not match its priorities and choose to reallocate resources.

Below are some of the funding levels recommended by the County Executive:

- \$2.17 billion provided for County Government which is an increase of \$84.2 million or four percent from the FY19 approved budget;
- \$2.648 billion for Montgomery County Public Schools which is an increase of \$51.1 million or two percent more than the FY19 approved budget;
- \$310.4 million for Montgomery College which is a decrease of \$3.4 million or 1.1 percent from the FY19 approved budget;
- \$7 million for the County's Early Care and Education Initiative which was spearheaded by Council President Navarro in partnership with Councilmembers and the County Executive;
- \$129.266 million for the Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) which is an increase of \$1 million or 0.8 percent from the FY19 approved budget;
- \$800,000 for the Wheaton Library and Recreation Center to open in late summer 2019;
- \$2.64 million general fund increase for the Housing Initiative Fund; and
- \$1 million increase for services to end and prevent homelessness.

The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190408/20190408_5.pdf



Dockless E-Scooter Pilot Program

The Council will receive a briefing on the Dockless E-Scooter Pilot Program. The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is introducing a pilot project for dockless e-scooters at the same time as it expands its dockless bikeshare program. MCDOT anticipates beginning the pilot in a few weeks. Up to four selected companies will deploy dockless e-scooters and e-bikes at no cost to the County.

Al Roshdieh, director of MCDOT, and staff are expected to attend the briefing. The Council staff report can be viewed at:

https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/council/Resources/Files/agenda/col/2019/20190408/20190408_6.pdf

PUBLIC HEARINGS



FY20 Operating Budget and Proposed Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Amendments

Public hearings will be held on the FY20 Recommended Operating Budget at the dates and times listed below. All public hearings will take place in the third floor Council Hearing Room.

- Monday, April 8 at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 9 at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 10 at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

COMMITTEE

All Committee staff reports will be available on April 9 and 10.



FY20 Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program Amendments: Health and Human Services (HHS) and Public Safety (PS) Committees

On April 11 at 9:30 a.m. the HHS and PS Committees will meet jointly to review the following operating budget and CIP items:

- **Adult Drug Court**

The Montgomery County Circuit Court Adult Drug Court is a comprehensive, voluntary treatment program for adult offenders suffering from drug and alcohol dependence. The goal of the program is to reduce recidivism by providing intensive services and supervision to address substance

dependence. The FY20 Recommended Operating Budget for Adult Drug Court is approximately \$1 million.

- **Mental Health Court**

Mental Health Court is a problem-solving court which diverts eligible defendants who have committed low-level crimes because of a mental illness into treatment and away from jail, with the aim of improving public safety by reducing recidivism and helping participants regain productive lives. Participation is voluntary. Defendants who choose not to participate or who are not approved go through the regular criminal justice process. The FY20 Recommended Operating Budget for Mental Health Court is approximately \$740,000.

- **Monitored Exchange and Supervised Visitation Center**

The Safe Passage Center (SPC) for Supervised Visitation and Monitored Exchange is a “family friendly” and safe access site for families with a Montgomery County Court Order. The Center’s goal is to enable children to remain close to both parents regardless of the family situation or parental conflict by providing monitored parental exchanges and supervised visits. The FY20 Recommended Operating Budget is approximately \$445,000.



FY20 Operating Budget and CIP Amendments: Planning, Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee

On April 11 at 9:30 a.m. the PHED Committee will meet to review the following operating budget and CIP items:

- **Board of Appeals**

The Board of Appeals (BOA) is a quasi-judicial body that assists the public in understanding zoning and land use issues. The BOA hears and decides inquiries and applications under the County’s Zoning Ordinance for variances and administrative appeals and conducts oral arguments on conditional use decisions or modifications of special exceptions. The FY20 Recommended Operating Budget for the Board of Appeals is \$563,032 which is a decrease of 2.8 percent from the FY19 Approved Budget of \$579,230.

- **Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings**

The Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings (OZAH) conducts due process hearings on land use and other administrative matters in a manner that protects the rights of the participants. OZAH provides a complete record in each case and provides a thorough and balanced report of land use decisions and other administrative matters. The FY20 Recommended Operating Budget for OZAH is \$686,084 which is a decrease of 2.6 percent from the FY19 Approved Budget of \$704,059.

- **Revenue Authority**

The Revenue Authority was established to construct, improve, equip, furnish, maintain, acquire, operate, and finance projects devoted wholly or partially for public use or the public good. The Revenue Authority operates nine public golf courses, owns the County’s Airpark and supports economic development through financing, consulting and operating facilities. The FY20 Recommended Operating Budget for the Revenue Authority is \$35 million.

- **Department of Permitting Services**

The Department of Permitting Services (DPS) is responsible for permit and license issuance to ensure that proposed land and building construction work is done safely, timely and professionally. DPS works with design professionals, local and state agencies, business groups and the public to review, approve, issue and inspect plans to ensure code compliance, promote economic well-being, sustainability and quality of life. The FY20 Recommended Operating Budget for DPS is \$42,018,916 which is a 4.4 percent increase over the FY19 Approved Budget.

- **CIP: General Government Economic Development Projects**

The PHED Committee will review the CIP for General Government Economic Development Projects.



FY20 Operating Budget and CIP Amendments: Government Operations and Fiscal Policy (GO) Committee

On April 11 at 2:30 p.m. the GO Committee will meet to review the following operating budget and CIP items:

- **Office of Human Resources**

The Office of Human Resources (OHR) is responsible for overseeing the hiring process for potential employees of Montgomery County Government, including positions in executive/managerial careers, public safety jobs, general professional positions, administrative jobs, labor and trades positions and more. The FY20 Recommended Operating Budget for OHR is \$281,820,607 which is an increase of \$14,390,116 or 5.38 percent from the FY19 Approved Budget.

- **Board of Elections**

The mission of the Board of Elections is to register voters, conduct elections, assist persons seeking elective office with candidate filings and campaign fund reports, assist residents seeking to place questions on the ballot and to preserve election data. The FY20 Recommended Operating Budget for the Board of Elections is \$8.1 million.

- **NDA: Public Elections Fund**

The Public Elections Fund provides public campaign financing for eligible candidates for a County elective office. The Council enacted legislation to create the Public Campaign Fund in September 2014. No additional appropriation for the fund is recommended for the upcoming fiscal year. Its current balance is approximately \$1.8 million.

- **Community Engagement Cluster**

The Community Engagement Cluster is responsible for strengthening Montgomery County's commitment to civic engagement and community service by engaging residents, organizations, businesses and other interest groups in our communities. The FY20 Recommended Operating Budget for the Community Engagement Cluster is \$4,795,376 which is an increase of \$946,294 or 24.58 percent over the FY19 Approved Budget.

- **Public Information Office**

The Public Information Office (PIO) handles media inquiries and works with the news media to inform residents about the programs and services available to them. The FY20 Recommended Operating Budget for PIO is \$5,395,872 which is an increase of 0.64 percent over the FY19 Approved Budget.

- **MC311**

MC311 Customer Service Center is the County's resource for non-emergency government information and services. The FY20 Recommended Operating Budget for MC311 is \$3.9 million which is an increase of 2.6 percent over the Approved FY19 Budget of \$3.8 million.



FY20 Operating Budget and CIP Amendments: Education and Culture (E&C) Committee

On April 12 at 9:30 a.m. the E&C Committee will meet to review the following operating budget and CIP items:

- **Community Use of Public Facilities (CUPF)**

CUPF provides community users and public agencies with access to public facilities for services, programs and events. The FY20 Recommended Operating Budget for CUPF is \$11,959,269.

- **NDA: Montgomery Coalition for Adult English Literacy (MCAEL)**

MCAEL is a community coalition consisting of individuals and organizations that have come together to strengthen and promote adult English literacy services in the County. The FY20 Recommended Operating Budget for MCAEL is \$1,757,058.

- **Montgomery College**

Montgomery College is a public, fully-accredited community college with campuses in Rockville, Takoma Park/Silver Spring and Germantown. The College's FY20 Recommended Operating Budget is \$310.4 million which is \$3.1 million below the Montgomery College Board of Trustee's request.

- **CIP: MCPS FY19-24 CIP Amendments**

The E&C Committee will review amendments to the Fiscal Years 2019-2024 (FY19-24) Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS).

- **Amendment to the FY19-24 CIP and transfer of unexpended project balances within FY19 Capital Budget, \$7.5 million from the MCPS Local Unliquidated Surplus Account to Current Revitalizations/Expansions (Seneca Valley High School)**

The E&C Committee will close out its meeting with a review of an amendment to the Fiscal Years 2019-2024 CIP and the transfer of unexpended project balances in MCPS' FY19 Capital Budget from the MCPS Local Unliquidated Surplus Account in the amount of \$7.5 million to Current Revitalizations/Expansions (Seneca Valley High School). On March 8, the Council received a request from the Board of Education to transfer \$7.5 million from several projects to the Current Revitalizations/Expansions project to provide funding for the build-out of space for the Career and Technology program at Seneca Valley High School as part of its Current Replacements/Modernizations Project.



FY20 Operating Budget and CIP Amendments: PS Committee

On April 12 at 9:30 a.m. the PS Committee will meet to review the following FY20 Recommended Operating Budget and CIP items:

- **Liquor Control**

The Department of Liquor Control (DLC) is the County government agency responsible for being the wholesaler of beer, wine and other alcoholic beverages. The FY20 Recommended Operating Budget for DLC is \$64.2 million.

- **Emergency Management and Homeland Security**

The Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS) is responsible for emergency preparedness in the County. The FY20 Recommended Operating Budget for OEMHS is \$2,374,768.

- **Office of Consumer Protection**

The Office of Consumer Protection (OCP) is responsible for enforcing consumer protection laws prohibit unfair and deceptive business acts, to ensure a fair marketplace for consumers and businesses. The FY20 Recommended Operating Budget for OCP is \$2,387,851.



Bill 1-19, Police - Officer Involved Death - Independent Investigation

The PS Committee will close out its meeting by continuing its review of Bill 1-19, Police – Officer Involved Death – Independent Investigation, also known as the Law Enforcement Trust and Transparency (LETT) Act. Councilmember Will Jawando is the lead sponsor. All other Councilmembers are cosponsors. Bill 1-19 would do the following:

- require an independent investigation of an officer involved death of an individual;
- establish qualifications for an independent investigation of an officer involved death;
- require the independent investigators to submit a final written report to the State’s Attorney and
- make the written report public under certain circumstances; and
- amend the law governing investigations of an officer involved death.

The goal of this bill is to provide transparency in these investigations and to help promote public confidence in the Montgomery County Police Department. The Council staff report will be available on April 10.

Key search terms for Bill 1-19 on the Council’s website include: LETT Act, officer involved death and police investigation. #LawEnforcementTransparency is being used for this item on social media.



Unaccompanied Minors and New Immigrant Families

On April 12 at 2 p.m. the HHS and E&C Committees will meet jointly to review County policies regarding unaccompanied minors and new immigrant families. The Council staff report will be available on April 10.